

REMARKS

Applicant hereby files this preliminary amendment along with an RCE in the above case in response to Final Action of December 14, 2005, and further Advisory Action of April 19, 2006. Claims 1-6, 8-15, 17-25, 27 and 28 are pending in the above-referenced patent application. All of the claims were rejected. Claims 1, 9, 10, 18, 20 and 28 have been amended to further clarify the claimed limitations. New matter has not been added.

The references relied on by the Examiner in the aforementioned Final Action and Advisory Action, alone or in combination, do not disclose all of the claimed limitations. By way of example, in the aforementioned Advisory Action the Examiner relied on USPN 6,133,847 (Yang), col. 4, lines 32-38 and col. 8, lines 18-24, to reject Claims 1-3, 6, 8-12, 15, 17-22, 25, 27 and 28 under 35 USC 102(e). However, it is respectfully submitted that there is no disclosure in Yang wherein: initially information is obtained from the appliances to generate a top page that includes links for direct access to user interface information in the appliances, such that when a link in the top page is user selected, the appliance user interface information in the corresponding appliance is accessed to generate a user interface for user interaction with the selected appliance, as claimed.

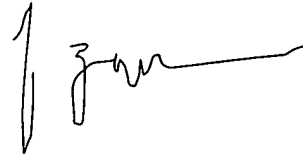
In Yang the control programs for appliances are pre-loaded into the memory 120 of the remote control 100, and the remote control 100 does not access the selected device for obtaining user interface of a device when the icon for the appliance/device is selected. Rather, the remote

control 100 accesses the memory 120 in the remote control itself for the user interface of the selected device. Yang also does not disclose that when a link in the top page is user selected, the appliance user interface information in the corresponding appliance is accessed to generate a user interface for user interaction with the selected appliance, as claimed. Clearly, In Yang, *when an icon is selected*, the remote 100 accesses the memory 120 in the remote control 100 for selected device information, and does not access the appliances to download control programs from the appliances. Yang does not disclose that selection of an icon on display 142 causes control functions to be downloaded from an appliance to the memory 120 of remote 100. Rather such control functions are downloaded to memory 120 of the remote 100 before selection of an icon on the display 142.

For at least these reasons, and other reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are allowable. Applicant hereby reserves the right to present further arguments and/or amendments in support of allowance of the claims. If it is believed that a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, Applicants respectfully request that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the listed telephone number.

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